GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4326
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2000
PURCHASE OF SHORT EXPIRY MEDICINES
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the category of General Restricted Medicines/Special Restricted Medicines have been changed to General category very frequently and regularly during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the details of short expiry medicines converted into general category during each of the last three years, alongwith the cost of each medicine;

(d) the reasons for purchasing these short expiry medicines from the companies by the officials first and later on converting those medicines to general category;

(e) whether an enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to curb such activities in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (h): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.